REMARKS

This application is a continuation application of parent patent application serial No. 10/158,250, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application serial No. 09/892,921, filed June, 26, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,512,861 B2. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-20, and 43-62 are pending. Claims 4, 11, and 21-42 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, and 12-16 have been amended. New claims 43-62 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants respectfully request an action on the merits.

The parent application (serial No. 10/158,250) to this continuation application was originally filed on May 30, 2002, with 42 claims. In the present application, Applicants are pursuing original claims 1–3, 5-10, and 12-20, and new claims 43-62. Applicants have enclosed herewith a PTO-Form 1449 and references potentially relevant to this invention. The references identified on the PTO-Form 1449 include references cited by the Examiner during the prosecution of the parent application.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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